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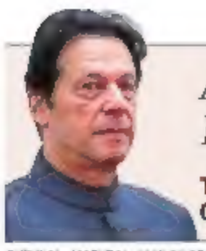

AFTER SHOCK SENATE UPSET, IMRAN SECURES TRUST VOTE

The Pakistan PM got 178 votes on Saturday after the 10-party Opposition boycotted the voting alleging procedural lapses

SHOW OF STRENGTH TO BOOST PARTY MORALE

Imran Khan is not required to prove his majority under the amended Pakistani constitution. The unilateral call was seen as Imran's attempt to boost his party's morale after Wednesd ay's defeat of his finance minister to ex-PM Gilani, who was backed by the Opposition amalgam PDM. Imran needed 172 votes to stay at helm in the House of 342 | P12

OPPOSITION LEADERS MANHANDLED

- Days after questioning the Election Commission's role in the Senate upset, Imran promised electoral reforms, including introducing EVMs and granting voting rights to oveseas citizens
- Unsavoury scenes were witnessed outside Parliament when Imran's supporters tried to disrupt a presser by the PDM leader

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VOTES SECURED BY IMRAN'S PAKISTAN TEHREEK-I-INSAF THREE YEARS AGO

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CD scare: 6 ministers get court injunction

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WITH sleazegate already scalping one minister in the B S Yediyurappa cabinet, six others — Shivaram Hebbar, B C Patil, S T Somashekhar, Dr K Sudhakar, Narayana Gowda and Byrathi Basavaraj, on Saturday secured a temporary injunction from a city civil and sessions court restraining the media from telecasting or publishing any news or showing footage and pictures defamatory.

Judge D S Vijaya Kumar passed the order after hearing the interlocutory application filed by the ministers, expressing apprehension that their reputation would be harmed using fake CDs. This came a day after former Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi got a similar injunction order.

The ministers approached the court with a suit to restrain media from publishing or telecasting unverified allegations against them, after reports in a section of media said that there are about 19 CDs on sex scandals related to several MLAs and ministers, including an influential politician from Old Mysuru region.

Sudhakar even hinted that more ministers may approach courts soon seeking similar relief, even as Byrathi Basavaraju remained incommunicado after he reached Mangaluru on Saturday.

The development comes two days before the Chief Minister is to present the State Budget on Monday and could put the government in an embarrassing situation.

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BJP's Suvendu will take on Mamata in Nandigram

The saffron party announced its first list a day after rival TMC named its candidates

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WITH the BJP unveiling its first list of 57 candidates for the eight-phase West Bengal Assembly elections on Saturday, the Nandigram constituency is set for a battle of titans after the saffron outfit pitched former state minister Suvendu Adhikari against Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Both the BJP and the ruling Trinamool Congress have fielded heavyweights, hoping to pin down each other in the constituency. BJP national general secretary Arun Singh announced the names of the candidates on Saturday at the party headquarters in Delhi even while the full might of the outfit was busy preparing for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Brigade Ground election rally on Sunday.

The BJP also sought to create another buzz by fielding former IPS officer Bharati Ghosh against another former senior police official, Humayun Kabir, from the Debra Assembly seat. Ghosh had contested the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, but lost.

Suvendu Adhikari and Mamata Banerjee

In line with the open-arm welcome to sitting legislators from other parties, the BJP fielded former CPM leader Tapashi Mondal from Haldia and Sudip Mukherjee, ex-TMC, from Purulia. The two had won the 2016 elections from the same seats. The BJP national general secretary said the first list has 19 Dalits and seven tribals but no minority face.

While the chief minister is banking on her political war cry of *Ma, Mati, Manush*, the BJP is seeking to set the electoral narrative with Adhikari against her. The BJP is hoping that the politically influential Adhikari family can upset the chief minister. P10

Third front taking shape in TN? MNM invites Cong

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THE possibility of a third-front taking shape in Tamil Nadu has grown stronger with Kamal Haasan's Makkal Needhi Maiam (MNM) inviting Congress to join its alliance, just a day after the grand old party's local unit erupted in outrage over the alleged humiliation that their leaders had to suffer in the hands of DMK counterparts during seat-sharing talks. Congress is yet to respond to the invite, as talks continued with the DMK late into Saturday night.

"MNM will welcome Congress into its alliance," said entrepreneur CK Kumaravel, who is the governing council member of the party.

"Both parties have the same DNA... and intend to bring change in Tamil Nadu. We will anyway do our part for this State. But, it will be good for Congress if they decide to join hands with us." P7

Stick to basics to nip 2nd wave, Centre tells states

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AMID concerns that the second wave of Covid-19 is spreading across the country, the Centre has urged states to return to the fundamentals of pandemic control — test, track and treat.

During a meeting on Saturday, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan and V K Paul, member (health) Niti Aayog, asked top officials from Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi and Chandigarh to increase the share of RT-PCR tests in districts that depend on rapid antigen testing. These states, apart from eight others that have been a cause for concern, have seen increased positivity rate and higher number of daily positive cases.

In a detailed presentation, it was pointed out that nine districts in Delhi, 15 in Haryana, 10 each in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, nine in Himachal Pradesh, seven in Uttarakhand, two in Goa, and one in Chandigarh continue to be of concern owing to drop in the total number of tests being conducted. P5

Axar Patel and Rishabh Pant celebrate with the trophy after 3-1 series win over England | AFP

INDIA STORM INTO WTC FINAL

Axar Patel and R Ashwin made a mockery of England to skittle them out for just 135 runs in the second innings on Saturday. India won by an innings and 25 runs to storm into World Test Championships final | P15

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Taapsee, Anurag resume shooting for 'Dobaaraa'

Mumbai: Actor Taapsee Pannu and director Anurag Kashyap resumed shooting for their film 'Dobaaraa' on Saturday, both using social media to speak for the first time since I-T raids. P9

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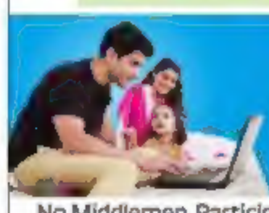

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